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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium, comprising the steps of:
- 10 (a) reading the identifier of the electronic storage medium upon being input into a computer by a user;
- ✓(b) verifying the identifier in a separate database; and
- (c) collecting a payment for use of content on the electronic storage medium.
- 15 2. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the identifier is verified in the separate database after the user effects a remote link between the computer and the separate database.
- 20 *Sub A1* 3. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the verification includes combining identifier information associated with the identifier and user information associated with the user and looking up both the identifier information and the user information on one or more databases to verify payment information.
- 25 4. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of storing a record of the transaction in a database.
- 30 5. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the computer is remotely coupled to the separate database via a network.

- 5 6. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 5, wherein the payment processing is conducted electronically in a secure manner.
- 10 7. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 5, wherein an electronic code is utilized to authorize use of the content on the electronic storage medium.
- 15 8. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the electronic storage medium is an optical disc.
- 20 9. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 8, wherein the identifier is stored on a burst cut area of the optical disc.
- 25 10. The method for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the data is stored in a remote database.
- 30 11. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium, comprising:
- (a) a code segment that reads the identifier of the electronic storage medium upon being input into a computer by a user;
 - (b) a code segment that verifies the identifier in a separate database; and
 - (c) a code segment that collects a payment for use of content on the electronic storage medium.

- 5 12. The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the identifier is verified in the separate database after the user effects a remote link between the computer and the database.
- 10 13. The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the verification includes combining identifier information associated with the identifier and user information associated with the user and looking up both the identifier information and the user information on one or more databases to verify payment information.
- 15 14. The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 11, and further comprising a code segment that stores a record of the transaction on a database.
- 20 15. The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the computer is remotely coupled to the separate database via a network.
- 25 16. The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 15, wherein the payment processing is conducted electronically in a secure manner.
- 30 17. The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 15, wherein an electronic code is utilized to authorize use of the content on the electronic storage medium.
18. The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the electronic storage medium is an optical disc.

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19. The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 18, wherein the identifier is stored on a burst cut area of the optical disc.

The computer program for permitting selective access to data based on an identifier stored on an electronic storage medium as recited in claim 11, wherein the data is stored in a remote database.

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